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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	CV 11-04535-RSWL (JEMx)
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Plaintiff,)	
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v.)	
)	CONSENT JUDGMENT OF
\$16,000.00 in U.S. CURRENCY,)	FORFEITURE
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Defendant.)	
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ARTURO ORTIZ,)	
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Claimant.)	
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This action was filed on May 26, 2011. Notice was given and published in accordance with law. Claimant Arturo Ortiz ("claimant") filed the only claim to defendant \$16,000.00 in U.S. currency. No other statements of interest or answers have been filed, and the time for filing such statements of interest and answers has expired. Plaintiff and claimant have reached an

1 agreement that is dispositive of the action. The parties hereby
2 request that the Court enter this Consent Judgment of Forfeiture.

3 **WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:**

4 A. This Court has jurisdiction over this action
5 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1345 and 1355 and over the parties
6 hereto.

7 B. The Complaint for Forfeiture states a claim for
8 relief pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6).

9 C. Notice of this action has been given in accordance
10 with law. All potential claimants to defendant \$16,000.00 in
11 U.S. currency other than claimant are deemed to have admitted the
12 allegations of the Complaint. The allegations set out in the
13 Complaint are sufficient to establish a basis for forfeiture.

14 D. The United States of America shall have judgment
15 as to \$12,000.00 of the defendant currency, together with all
16 interest earned by the government on \$12,000.00 of the defendant
17 currency, and no other person or entity shall have any right,
18 title or interest therein.

19 E. \$4,000.00 of the defendant currency, together with
20 all interest earned by the government on that amount since
21 seizure, shall be paid to claimant not later than forty-five (45)
22 days from the date of entry of this judgment to claimant by
23 electronic transfer. Claimant's counsel agrees to provide
24 appropriate financial institution account information within 10
25 days of execution of this consent judgment. Said payment shall
26 be subject to applicable federal law.

27 F. Claimant hereby releases the United States of
28 America, its agencies, agents, and officers, including employees

1 and agents of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration,
2 from any and all claims, actions or liabilities arising out of or
3 related to this action, including, without limitation, any claim
4 for attorney's fees, costs or interest which may be asserted on
5 behalf of the claimant, whether pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2465 or
6 otherwise.

7 G. The court finds that there was reasonable cause
8 for the seizure of the defendant currency and institution of
9 these proceedings. This judgment shall be construed as a
10 certificate of reasonable cause pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2465.

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12 Dated: September 14, 2011

13 RONALD S.W. LEW
14 THE HONORABLE RONALD S.W. LEW
15 SENIOR, U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
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